



Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

I do hope this Newsletter finds you safe and well...these are such strange times for us all. School has remained open for the last two weeks for a small number of children whose parents are key workers, but we are closing for the Easter break. However, I am pleased to say that by collaborating with the other Dorking Primary Schools we are able to offer provision for the children of our keyworkers at St Martin's School for the next two weeks until the start of next term.

As this period of isolation continues our priority is that our families feel as supported as possible. We have been uploading work and resources to our school website, along with sending out our Home Learning Letters. However, we are mindful that some families may not necessarily have access to technology for all of their children and that many are also trying to juggle their own working from home too! Therefore, our next Home Learning Letter will take a slightly different format: one which is clearer in expectation of how much to aim to do each day, with a balance of activities which need technology and ones which do not. In school, we will follow the same plans with the children who are attending as those which the children are following at home. All of the activities and learning will follow, as is practically possible, the topics and key areas of learning the children would have been covering had they been in school.

We have been in direct contact with some of our families already, as we are keen to support in any way we can. One of our great concerns is child welfare over this difficult period. Please do let us know if you are in any way concerned about the welfare and safety of any pupils via the designated safeguarding lead email: dsl@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk It is a confidential email address.

In addition, please find below the staff email addresses. If you have any queries, particularly those learning related, please do contact us:

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In the meantime, I hope you all manage to find some kind of relaxation during the Easter break and that you all stay safe and well. Please look out for the next Learning Letters which will arrive on Friday 17th April, before the new term is due to start.

Mrs Cummins has been working with the children who have been in school to create some 'Happy News' which we've been sharing via the BERT Website. I'm so glad to see that many of you are creating your own 'Happy News'...

Flo and Monty were lucky enough to appear on Blue Peter on Friday 13th March to celebrate Sports Relief. They set themselves basketball and cycling challenges to help raise money for some very good causes. Here are some pictures of them on TV...



Happy News from Rosie...

Rosie has been really good with home schooling, and mum let her choose a 'project' to work on. She decided on a Mexico (she has friends there). She wanted to be Frida Kahlo for the day and here is the result...fab photo Rosie!



If you have any 'Happy News' you would like to share please do email us. Alternatively, Mrs Bradby has set up Blogs for Years 1 to 6 which can be found on Purple Mash. Please add your comments to it, as we are missing you all, and would love to hear what you've been doing. It should appear in the **Sharing** tab (your Purple Mash menu might look a bit different to ours).

Message from Emma Dunham who runs our Camera Club...

I have created a FREE PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE. It started Wednesday 1st April & I will post a new challenge every day for you to try out and show off your photography!

This photography challenge is for you, your kiddies & the rest of your family - but ultimately, it's a creative outlet for the long afternoons and can become the much-needed project work to give a little bit of focus in the day.

So, my challenge is **FREE** and I am looking forward to sharing it with you. If you want to be involved please visit the challenge on either YouTube or Ticktock.

YouTube: https://youtu.be/_UPWZDlnYRg

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